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Applicant: Keith A. Riha, et al. Filed: December 28, 2001
Title: **METHOD OF MARKING A SKIN FOR A VEHICLE INTERIOR TRIM PANEL**
TC/A.U.: 1732 Examiner: Stefan Staicovici
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AMENDMENT G UNDER RULE 116
IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2005. As this response is being submitted within the three-month shortened statutory period for reply, no extension of time is believed necessary. Applicants conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Re-examination and reconsideration is requested.

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Therefore, it is believed that neither Filion, et al. ('630) nor Feng, et al. ('299), taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest the features of the invention recited in amended claim 1. In consideration of the amendments to the claim and the remarks hereinabove, Applicants respectfully submits that all claims currently pending in the application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Re-examination and reconsideration is requested. Allowance at an early date is respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact is necessary, please contact the undersigned attorney at (603) 668-6560.

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Respectfully submitted,

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